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Washington, DC—Congresswoman Eleanor Holmes Norton (D-DC) issued the following statement this evening:

"The Republican majority has just put out the schedule for the December lame duck session beginning Monday, December 4th (attached). I certainly hope that this is not the final schedule for the week because there is no mention of the D. C. House Vote bill. Yet, we learned earlier that the bill could be released from the Judiciary Committee and go to the floor. It is true that bills can be added to the schedule, and perhaps the Republican majority is waiting for the Utah redistricting bill due on Monday, but with time so short, we can't afford to use some of it just to get on the schedule. As of now, only suspension bills and four other bills are mentioned: the Tax Extenders bill, Adjustment in Physician Payments bill, India Nuclear Agreement Conference Report; and the Indian Gaming bill. That leaves plenty of time to consider the D.C. bill, as the calendar now stands.

Already some Republicans in the House have suggested objectionable changes in the bill that make things difficult, but I am encouraged that we could still go with the bill that Chairman Jim Sensenbrenner (R-WI) said was necessary, and the only change he said that he required is making good progress in the redistricting process in Utah at the moment. I had a good, long discussion with Democratic leaders in Utah today, and there is no doubt that they and Utah Republicans are working in good faith to meet Chairman Sensenbrenner's requirement for a map based on redistricting in Utah. I am particularly encouraged by my conversation today with my good friend and indispensable partner in this effort, Representative Tom Davis (R-VA). He remains as resolute as I that we can still run the distance that gets the bill done next week.

We are not novices about House and Senate procedures, and we know that time is our major opponent in this race. We also know that things have never been easy --or fair-- for the District. That has been the rule for my entire 16 years in the Congress, and it has been true for the District ever since its creation at the dawning of the Republic. I therefore am not in the least discouraged. After four years of arduous negotiations to get a viable bill and one that both Democrats and Republicans could support, giving up is not an option. Until the gavel goes down sine die on the 109th Congress, we will be in the struggle to get the D.C. House vote passed."

HOUSE FLOOR SCHEDULE
in session. Tuesday, December 5, 2006

WEEK OF DECEMBER 4, 2006 Monday, December 4, 2006

Suspensions (16 bills):1) H.R. 5076 — National Transportation Safety Board Amendments Act of 2006 2) H.Res. 1087 — Designating Room H-139 of the Capitol as the "Henry J. Hyde Room"

H.R. 6316 — To extend through December 31, 2008, the authority of the Secretary of the Army to accept and expend funds contributed by non-Federal public entities to expedite the processing of permits 3) H.R. 6111 — To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide that the Tax Court may review claims for equitable innocent spouse relief and to suspend the running on the period of limitations while such claims are pending

H.R. 5666 — Southern Idaho Bureau of Reclamation Repayment Act of 2006

H.R. 5466 – Captain John Smith Chesapeake National Historic Trail Designation Act

H.R. 1492 – To provide for the preservation of the historic confinement sites where Japanese Americans were detained during World War II, and for other purposes 4) S. 1219 – A bill to authorize certain tribes in the State of Montana to enter into a lease or other temporary conveyance of water rights to meet the water needs of the Dry Prairie Rural Water Association, Inc 5) H.R. 5110 – More Water and More Energy Act of 2006

H.R. 395 – Lowell National Historical Park Boundary Adjustment Act

S. 3711 – OCS Drilling / Gulf of Mexico Energy Security Act of 2006

H.R. 4742 – To amend title 35, United States Code, to allow the Director of the Patent and Trademark Office to waive statutory provisions governing patents and trademarks in certain emergencies 6) H.R. 1176 – Nonprofit Athletic Organization Protection Act of 2006

H.R. – To amend title 18, United States Code, to prevent and repress the misuse of the Red Crescent distinctive emblem and the Third Protocol (Red Crystal) distinctive emblem

H.Con.Res. 73 – Supporting the goals and ideals of National High School Seniors Voter Registration Day 7)
H.Res. 1070 – Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that Members of the House should actively engage with employers and the American public at large to encourage the hiring of members and former members of the Armed Forces who were wounded in service and are facing a transition to civilian life Wednesday, December 6, 2006 and the balance of the week Suspensions (6 bills):1)H.R. 6099 – Unborn Child Pain Awareness Act of 2006 2)
H.R. – To amend title 38, United States Code, to extend certain expiring provisions of law administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, to expand eligibility for the Survivors’ and Dependents’ Educational Assistance program, and for other purposes 3)S. 1820 – Dewey F. Bartlett Post Office Designation Act

S. 3722 – Naval Vessels Transfer Act of 2006

S. 2125 – Democratic Republic of the Congo Relief, Security, and Democracy Promotion Act of 2006 4)H.Res. 1082 – Condemning the decision by the city of St. Denis, France, to name a street in honor of Mumia Abu-Jamal, the convicted murderer of Philadelphia Police Officer Danny Faulkner

H.J.Res. ____ - Continuing Resolution

POSSIBLE LEGISLATION:· Tax Extenders Bill· Adjustment in Physician Payments Bill· India Nuclear Agreement
Conference ReportIndian Gaming